

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Steven H. Rao	Art Unit 2814	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 2/22/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-18 and 22.
3. The drawings filed on 16 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/22/2005
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' request for RCE filed on Feb. 22, 2005 along with an amendment and Ids have been entered and forwarded to the Examiner on March 07, 2005 .

Therefore claims 12-20 as amended by the amendment faxed along with the RCE request on 02/22/2005 and presently newly added claim 22 are currently pending in the Application.

Claims 1-11 and 21 have been cancelled by various amendments.

Claims 19-20 are withdrawn from consideration for the reasons stated below.

Election/Restrictions

Newly submitted claims 19-20 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

The originally claimed invention was a semiconductor sensor, whereas presently recited claims 19 and 20 recite " A method of sensing electrons".

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits.

Accordingly, claims 19-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Newly presented claims 19-20 drawn to a nonelected invention have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein to file continuation/s as necessary.

Attorney James Parker authorized the cancellation of claims 19-20 on May 16, 2005.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed on 02/22/2005 is acknowledged. Enclosed herewith is the initialed copy of the PTO-1449.

Reasons for allowance

Claims 12-18 and 21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art taken either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitation of the dependent claims, in such manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claim 22 which a sensor device wherein a conductive layer is positioned above the top surface of the semiconductor layer and positioned so that electrons passing between adjacent pixel surface coatings are incident on the conductive layer and further wherein the conductive layer is insulated from pixel surface coatings.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven H. Rao whose telephone number is (571) 272-1718. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00 to 5.00.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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May 13, 2005.


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